

## Warwickshire Champs 2012 Week 1 - 3.3.12

Week one of the Warwickshire Championships got off to a storming start with six Boldmere swimmers crowned as County Champions; Kristie Hackett 400IM and 100 Fly, Emma Smith 200 Freestyle, Alice Dearing 1500m Freestyle, Joey Stanger 50m Freestyle and Emily Gordon 200m Breaststroke. In total Boldmere notched up an impressive haul of 55 Championship, Age Group and Relay medals - 22 Golds, 17 Silver and 16 Bronze - with 132 PBs and 4 new Long Course Club Records

In the 400IM sixteen year old Kristie Hackett's time of 5.07.24, a 9 second pb and new club record, was the fastest of the champs and won her a gold in the 15+ age group as well as being crowned County Champion. Second in the same age group was Katie Richardson with Emily Gordon taking the bronze. Alice Dearing Won the 10/14 age group gold with her time placing her second overall in the championship with Katie Richardson collecting the bronze.

After winning the 15+ age group gold with her heat time in the 100m Fly Kristie then went on to secure her second County title in the final with a winning time of 1.06.56. Jenny Fowler took bronze in the same age group as did Rachel Wilson in the 13/14 age group.

In the 1500m Freestyle Alice Dearing smashed her own Junior County Record by 20 seconds with a new time of 17.44.32. This time not only secured Alice the Midland District/West Midlands Regional Junior Record, but also the Senior County and Regional records - which have stood for 9 years!

In addition to Emma Smith's County title in the 200m Freestyle Alice took silver in the 13/14 age group while Aristeia Knight and Kate Davies both won bronze in the 9/10 and 11/12 age groups respectively. Emma also won the 15+ age group in the 50m Backstroke and silver in the championship final with Chloe Wiedeman winning her first county individual medal with a third place in the 11/12 age group.

Four more gold medals were added to the tally by the girls in the 200m Breaststroke by Aristeia Knight (9/10), Alex Dolan (13/14) with a 7 second pb and Emily Gordon (15+) who, with the overall fastest time, was also crowned County champion with Alex's time earning her the bronze. Kate Davies came third in the 11/12 age group setting a new club record.

The boys had great success in the 50m Freestyle with Joey Stanger and Phil Hewitt who, after qualifying for the overall final with 2nd and 6th fastest times, touched the pads in gold and silver position with only 0.14 separating them. Golds were gained in all the other age groups by Taleb Givans (9/10 Yrs), Ben Stanford (11/12) and Jake Dixon (13/14) with Matt Price (11/12) and Steven Wilson (13/14) picking bronze each.

In the 200m Backstroke Jack Dobson picked up his first county medal with a bronze in the 9/10 age group while Boldmere dominated the 11/12 age group when Ben Stanford, Joel Cunningham and Matt Price finished 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively to take a clean sweep of the medals. There were two further silvers for Steven Wilson (13/14) and Adam Hall (15+) with Adams new club record time also earning him the championship bronze.

Ryan Andrews smashed his 100m Fly pb by an impressive 14 seconds to take the gold in the 10/11 category while Jake Dixon (12/14) finished second to take silver, as did Phil Hewitt in the overall championship final.

The final scoop of five individual medals came from the boys 100m Breaststroke event where Leighton Palmer-Whyte earned himself a silver ahead Taleb Givans with a bronze in the 10/11 category. Jake Dixon (12/14) added a bronze to his collection while Like Davies won the 15+ silver and them bronze in the Championship final.

In the relays both boys and girls 9/10 teams took their turn on the second place podium to collect their silver medals. The girls 4 x 50m Freestyle quartet were Alex Bartley, Hannah Turnbull, Aristeia Knight and Lily Wood and the boys Medley foursome were Ben Smith, Leighton, Jack Dobson and Taleb.

A third silver went to the girls 10 yr + 4 x 100m Freestyle team of Jenny Fowler, Alex Dolan, Kristie Hackett and Emma Smith breaking the club record by half a second. Then in the 11 -16 4 x 50 Medley event Emily Gordon and Gina Luckett joined Emma and Kristie to slice 2. 5 seconds off the club record to top the podium with gold.

The final gold medal of the first days haul went to the boys 10yr+ 4 x 100m Freestyle four of Hall, Dixon, Hewitt and Stanger. Trailing by some four metres on the change Hewitt swam a superb leg to claw back the deficit leaving Stanger to take control and win by 2 seconds.

